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25 MAY 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Comptroller's Meeting - 21 May 1976, To Review  
Data Through 30 April 1976

1. Attached for your information is a copy of the Memorandum for the Record describing the Comptroller's Meeting, 21 May 1976, together with copies of the vu-graphs used to lead the discussion. Please treat these as your personal copies since they contain information which may be considered sensitive by the Deputy Directors.

2. In summary, we agreed:



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D. Restrictions on reprogramming remain in force.

2. It was further agreed that we should provide for the payment of known hard requirements during the Transition Quarter by adjusting allotments at the beginning of the TQ. The Comptroller will present a detailed proposal next month.

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John D. Iams  
Comptroller

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Comptroller's Meeting - 21 May 1976 To Review Data  
Through 30 April 1976

1. Present were: John F. Blake, Deputy Director for Administration; William Wells, Deputy Director for Operations; Edward Proctor, Deputy Director for Intelligence; Sayre Stevens, Acting Deputy Director for Science and Technology; Thomas Yale, Director of Finance; John D. Iams, Comptroller, [REDACTED] Deputy Comptroller; and members of the Comptroller's staff.

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2. Mr. Yale summarized the Status of Obligations of Advances From Other US Government Agencies [REDACTED] indicating no abnormalities. Obligations and advances to the Operations Directorate lagged slightly because of the rate of obligation for the [REDACTED] project.

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3. Mr. Iams reviewed briefly the actions taken at the last meeting and reported actions taken since that time, noting that \$1.7 million had now been allotted to the Cargo Transportation Account.

4. The Current Status of Unobligated Balances of FY 1975 Funds was reviewed, showing that funds recovered from the Department of the Army a few months ago have been diminished. The Army came back to us with a bill for \$55,000 which had to be returned. The Status of 1975 Balances has been reviewed each of the past two or three months because earlier in the year we were faced with contract overruns which seemed to put us in danger of overobligating the 1975 appropriation. The concern was such that an opinion was requested from the General Counsel about the legality of using current-year money to meet obligations against prior-year funds. Mr. Yale's recollection was that the General Counsel had rendered an opinion saying that current-year funds could not be used to fund prior-year obligations, but others around the table were not acquainted with the opinion. It was agreed that if the General Counsel has not rendered an opinion about this question, he should be pressed to do so as rapidly as possible. If such an opinion has been issued, copies should be furnished to the Deputy Directors and the Comptroller.

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10. The meeting then turned to a discussion of the Transition Quarter. Our appropriation for the TQ has been reduced by 10 percent of the amount we requested to cover the October 1975 pay raise. Allotments issued for the TQ will reflect that reduction. In addition, unfunded requirements totaling more than \$5 million for the Transition Quarter have already been identified. Rather than wait until we are into the TQ and attempt to fund these requirements, it was proposed that we provide for the payment of known hard requirements by adjusting allotments at the beginning of the TQ. Actions deferred as a result of these adjustments, and other unforeseen requirements which surface during the Transition Quarter, would be funded from 1976 balances carried over, or from savings identified during the Transition Quarter. A chart showing the impact on the components of the 10 percent pay reduction and a reduction to fund \$5 million worth of unfunded requirements was reviewed. It was explained that to fund the \$5 million in unfunded requirements we would take the \$5 million as a percentage of the non-personal services funds by component and reduce each component accordingly. We would then distribute to the components funds required to pay the unfunded requirements each has identified. Revised allotments would be issued accordingly. We do not propose to take this action now, but seek agreement with the concept in order that a firm proposal can be presented at the next meeting. It was agreed that this is a reasonable approach to take.

11. In response to a question raised by Mr. Stevens, there was some discussion about the intent of the legislation governing the

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use of 1976 funds during the Transition Quarter. It was agreed as noted above that we need a legal answer and an opinion will be sought from the General Counsel in time to clarify the discussion at the next Comptroller's Meeting.

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